

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately following the Title and prior to the "Field of the Invention", please insert the following:

--This application is a U.S. National Phase Application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/GB2003/004651 which was filed October 29, 2003, claiming benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/484,391 which was filed July 2, 2003 and of British Patent Application No. 0225553.7 filed November 1, 2002. The entire disclosure of each of the foregoing applications is incorporated herein by reference.--

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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to methods for prion decontamination comprising (i) contacting an entity to be decontaminated with a detergent, (ii) contacting said entity with one or more protease(s), and optionally (iii) autoclaving said entity. The invention further relates to kits comprising detergents and proteases for prion decontamination, and compositions comprising detergents and proteases for prion decontamination.--